

Parents' National Educational Union

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THE Parents' National Educational Union was founded in 1887 in response to a demand from thoughtful parents. It grew out of their desire to study the laws which govern habit and the principles upon which to select ideas that inspire and educate, their desire to know how to deal with hereditary tendencies and how to give intelligent supervision and guidance to the development of their children's whole nature—physical, mental, moral and spiritual.

The Union aims at giving opportunities for the study of Educational problems, and a meeting ground for intercourse between parents, teachers, and all who are interested in Education. It offers to its members a unique theory and practice of education (evolved by Miss Mason) which are found to be very acceptable and successful both in families and schools of every grade. The two functions in Education (as it is understood by the Union), are the presentation of ideas and the formation of habits. These two, it will be seen, are the chief means at our disposal for the modification of character.

The Central Principles are:— 1. That a religious basis of work be maintained. 2. That the series of addresses and other means employed by the Union shall be so arranged as to deal with Education under the following heads: (a) Physical; (b) Mental; (c) Moral; and (d) Religious. 3. That arrangements concerning Lectures,

etc., be made with a view to the convenience of fathers as well as of mothers. 4. That the work of the Union be arranged to help parents of all classes.

The Objects are: (a) To assist parents of all classes to understand the best principles and methods of Education in all its aspects, those which concern the formation of character, as well as actual methods of teaching. (b) To create a better public feeling on the subject of the training of children, and with this object in view, to collect and make known the best information and experience on the subject. (c) To afford to parents opportunities for co-operation and consultation, so that the wisdom and experience of each may be profitable to all. (d) To stimulate their enthusiasm, through the sympathy of numbers acting together. (e) To secure greater unity and continuity of Education, by harmonizing home and school training.

The following are directed by Miss Charlotte M. Mason:

***The House of Education, Ambleside**, established to train ladies as teachers in families by instructing them in the art of training, teaching, and occupying children, from the ages of six to eighteen, on the methods and principles advanced by the P.N.E.U.

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The Parents' Review is the monthly organ of the Union.

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